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ON 4 OCTOBER IN GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT FOR KENYA,
KENYAN PERMREP MAINA MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS ON LOS
CONFERENCE:

THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WAS HELD IN CARACAS, VENZUELA.
I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THE
GRATITUDE OF MY DELEGATION TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE
PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS THEY
MADE TO HOST THE CONFERENCE WHICH, AS MANY HAVE REMARKED,
WAS THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EVER HELD.
THE FACT THAT NO FINAL RESULTS WERE ACHIEVED SHOULD
NOT IN ANY WAY DETRACT FROM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CON-
FERENCE AND PARTICULARLY OF THAT SESSION. A LOT OF PROGRESS,
ON WHICH THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE IMMENSE TASK
DEPENDS, HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE IN CARACAS. THE GENERAL
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DEBATE ON ALL THE ISSUES HAS BEEN FINALIZED. CONCRETE
PROPOSALS ON ALL THE ITEMS ARE NOW BEFORE THE CONFERENCE.

WHAT REMAINS NOW IS SERIOUS AND BUSINESS-LIKE NEGOTIATIONS BY ALL STATES WITH A VIEW TO HARMONIZING DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND ARRIVING AT A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE CONVENTION.

I SHOULD LIKE, HOWEVER, TO POINT OUT THAT WE FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CANNOT AFFORD THE LEISURE OF CONTINUING THESE NEGOTIATIONS INDEFINITELY. THE CONFERENCE HEAVILY TAXED OUR FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH-MAY 1975, SHOULD BE THE FINAL ONE. THOUGH A GREAT DEAL OF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WITH GOOD WILL AND A SERIOUS NEGOTIATING SPIRIT, THE CONFERENCE CAN BRING ITS WORK TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT A FINAL CEREMONIAL SESSION. WE SHALL NOT BE WILLING, HOWEVER, TO SUPPORT AN ENDLESS SERIES OF SESSIONS WHILE SOME OF THE STATES REPRESENTED ENGAGE IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A FILIBUSTER DESIGNED TO BLOC ALL EFFORTS AT CHANGING THE EXISTING STATUS QUO ON THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE WEALTH OF THE SEA, WHICH FAVOURS A FEW DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT THE EXPENSE OF EVERYONE ELSE. CHANGES INEVITABLY ARE GOING TO COME. IT IS UP TO ALL THE STATES REPRESENTED TO ENGAGE IN A SERIOUS DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE CHANGES WILL BE EQUITABLE AND FARI TO ALL, OTHERWISE THE CHANGES MAY HAVE TO COME FROM THE UNILATERAL ACTION OF STATES, WHICH CAN LEAD ONLY TO FURTHER CONFUSION IN THIS FIELD AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A DANGEROUS SOURCE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS. THE KENYA DELEGATION WILL NOT BE FOUND WANTING IN MAKING DETERMINED EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE CONVENTION DURING THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE AND WE HOPE THAT ALL OTHER STATES WILL CO-OPERATE IN A SIMILAR SPIRIT.

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